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Pawcatuck Resident Receives Recognition by the SBA for His Dedication to the Veterans of the State of Connecticut

Hartford—Charles C. Young, Veteran Employment Representative for the Connecticut Department of Labor, has been named Veteran Advocate of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for the Connecticut Region.

Charles, a resident of Pawcatuck, is awarded for his eleven years of service, commitment and dedication to the servicemen and women of Connecticut. In his current position with the Connecticut Department of Labor Charles provides veterans and their families a full range of employment and training services, information, and referrals to supportive services.

Charles also coordinates Connecticut's Transition Assistance Program (TAP), which is designed to assist separating military members and their families with the transition from military life to civilian careers. Connecticut's TAP program has been recognized as one of the best of its kind in the country by the United States Department of Labor's Veteran's Employment & Training Service (VETS).

During the time Charles has been involved with TAP, he has provided services and assistance to approximately 8,000 separating military members and their families. He has made significant contributions to the development of the TAP presentations and to the rewriting of the manual used throughout the nation as a guide for the conducting of TAP seminars.

Charles is a Vietnam-era veteran, having served a full career in the U.S. Navy as a Submarine Sonar Technician. During his military career, he served on six different "fast-attack" type submarines, and participated in many military operations in various parts of the world, including the Mediterranean Sea, the North Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Persian Gulf, and the Sea of Japan, to name few.

The SBA annually recognizes individuals and businesses for their experience, expertise and devotion to their professional and personal lives to bettering the small business environment. This recognition is made in conjunction with the nationally celebrated Small Business Week in Orlando, Florida during SBA Expo '04 held May 19-21.

Charles and all SBW 2004 award recipients will be honored on Thursday, June 3, 2004 at The Belvedere (formerly Septembers), in New Haven, CT. If you would like more information on this event, or next year's nominations contact Debra Dillon at (860) 240-4700 ext. 242.

A complete list of the 2004 Small Business Week award recipients is attached.

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2004 SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AWARD WINNERS

Small Business Person of the Year

Lesley Mills

Griswold Special Care

New Haven, Hartford, Waterbury, Meriden, New London, CT

Nominated by

Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General

State of Connecticut

REGIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Minority Small Business Advocate
of the Year

Rafael Collazo

CT Small Bus. Development Center
Hartford, CT

Nominated by

Zaiga L. Antonetti

CT Small Bus. Development Center

Women in Business Advocate
of the Year

Barbara Potopowicz

Perm. Comm. on the Status of Women
Hartford, CT

Nominated by

Rose E. Bednarz

Gateway Community College

Small Business Journalist
of the Year

Mitchell Young

Business New Haven
New Haven, CT

Nominated by

Rose E. Bednarz

Gateway Community College

DISTRICT AWARD WINNERS

Veteran Small Business
Advocate of the Year

Charles C. Young

CT Department of Labor
New London, CT

Nominated by

Lou Kennedy

US Department of Labor

Financial Services Advocate
of the Year

Edward E. Cull

Citizens Bank Connecticut
Middletown, CT

Nominated by

John Rosevear

Citizens Financial Group

Small Business Exporter
of the Year

Raymond Browne

David Monighetti

Wyrepak Industries, Inc.
Middletown, CT

Nominated by

Sandra K. Weber

Hudson United Bank